**iMessage exchange between Chair of the Police Services Board (Diane Deans) and the Mayor's Chief of Staff (Serge Arpin)**

Dated Monday, February 7th- Thursday, February 10th 2022

Mon, Feb 7, 9:08 AM

Can you take a quick call please?

Year. I am standing by.

Mon, Feb 7, 12:42 PM

No compromise possible with Coun McKenney.

Not surprised. What is the announcement that is cominG?

Can you chat again please? This will save time.

From Feds you mean?

We haven't received the letter.

You should have it now. CMO has no changes. Can you take a quick call.

Yes

Can you quickly call me?

Do you mean again ? Or did we speak?

No. I'm good. Peter will give the global number. 1800

Can you please help me understand what is the total number of officers that OPS itself - just counting OPS officers - how many officers from the City's own force - are directly involved in managing the truck convoy demonstration? I don't need to know the precise number. A ballpark number is fine.

All available officers. Equates to hundreds at a time.

But you can't give me a better ballpark number?

I will ask Robyn to ask John.

I am trying to get you one. Many have been working overtime.

John says he can't accurately give a Number. It fluctuates.

How about a range then - Feds and Province will ask. You are asking for X - how many of your officers are on the ground?

All available is the answer. The Chief just laid out the numbers. Did you hear him?

I did but that's the total number of officers on the payroll (1,200). It excludes the number staying behind in the various regional offices, people on leave, etc. We will have to wait for a better number but I expect we will be asked.

I think you could broadly say close to 1000.

Btw that number of 1,800 is going to create a huge sticker shock. Please be prepared to explain that 1,800 additional officers - that we will not get in one fell swoop - means about 500 extra officers per shift. It's not 1,800 extra bodies on the ground at all times.

Exactly

I am not comfortable voting against that Leiper motion.

I don't understand - are you cancelling OPS meetings during the truck convoy? I assume you know the only meeting that is being cancelled is the Civic Hospital meeting.

You asked me to defer the debate on Bill 21 for the same reason.

Nope. I asked you to defer the debate because it was going to be extremely divisive based on the attacks we are currently being subjected to on the charter issue around the demonstration. It had nothing to do with volume of work. When Jeff wrote to us, je said he was too distracted to take part in meetings. When Riley wrote to us, he said we were not holding enough meetings .

Could the committees not decide for themselves?

This says « all meetings are cancelled » and then the chairs can call a Special meeting. Try rebooking Planning after Council has cancelled it.

Btw it sounds optically like a huge capitulation to the demonstrators while Parliament continues to sit!!!

Please reconsider, we're doing so well!

Mon, Feb 7, 4:15 PM

Just letting them launch an all out attack on the service!

Sorry no comprendo. But the mayor's speech in support of OpS, Chief and yourself in your role as chair was rock solid supportive.

Allan? Tim?

I think I will ask Allan if he is proposing a double digit tax increase to staff for any possible scenario in the future?

I assume you must understand that with the approach of silly season (candidate registration), legislative or team discipline has flown out the door. Also, he might just support the tax increase!

Omg! That's insane.

Mon, Feb 7, 6:48 PM

Are you guys supporting this now?

What do you mean « are you guys »? There is no such thing as « are you guys ». No more than « you, and the urban caucus » always voting as a block. Is that what you mean by « you guys »? I know you do reach out for support when you are in trouble but it is almost never, ever, ever, ever (did I say ever?) reciprocated. We can have a separate chat about the multiple times we have sought your support on something that was important to us that you chose to consistently ignore.

Is the Mayor supporting the RCMP taking command and control of Wellington street?

No because Council cannot direct that. There is no change in legal command.

Council can't wish the change in legal structure of who has jurisdiction over the area. It is OPS full stop.

But the MaYor said there is broad support for this. How can there be?

The command will not change. The mayor tried to clarify that. I worked with her (CM) this morning to pitch what you and I had agreed to.

I'd the Mayor supporting the McKenny motion?

I guess you're not listening. The support is to add resources. The City cannot direct OPS Chief on where to out which resources.

Bell
Told
Me
Not
To support this

You don't have to support this.

That doesn't change. Ottawa remains the force of jurisdiction where it has legal jurisdiction.

You can't legally give up the jurisdiction.

Stop it! You won! Council cannot change a federal area of jurisdiction! And the chief is free to disregard! Despite the lack of mutual support, I'm happy to help you decide how you move forward with this issue. The Police Services Act doesn't change and cannot be changed with a motion. This is an aspirational motion. The Chief can put any resources from any police force anywhere he chooses in Ottawa.

Well it's a very confusing motion.

Notwithstanding what she says - the command structure will not change unless the Act is CCN anges

Act is changed

The OPS role does. It change because of her wishful resolution.

That's what I was trying to understand.

The chief does not have to follow this and he wont. Because the law precludes him from doing so.

If Steve Bel is asked he will have to say « OPs will operate within the confines of its governing legislation and we look forward to working the the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to secure additional officers to help end the occupation of Ottawa ».

Bell of course

Exactly. Jeff Leiper is on CBC news network saying the police are doing nothing.

The Left just voted to call in the army (well at least to study it). Do you really want that?

I mean they would replace OPS.

They did not vote to call in the army. They voted for a motion to understand options. I am fine with information gathering.

I know, I can still chide you, non?

I mean it's brutal here. Can we have some fun still?

I'm so tired I am taking you literally. But yes go ahead and chide me! 😄 It would be nice if we could back to having a little more fun.

Well I'm happy to grab a glass of wine at some point, it's never personal for me. I'm too old for this and this is my last kick at the can.

Ok. Let's do that when things open up.I am super careful about being out in public right now. Omicron is very contagious and I just can't risk Covid.

OMG of course I had forgotten.

I'm very sorry, seeing everyone virtually makes us forget about the risks at times.
Is Bell ready to not get into a pissing match on jurisdiction tonight? It's best for him to say « we are reading this as let's get the resources we need in partnership with Feds and Province to end this thing ».

Tue, Feb 8, 7:23 AM

Apparently you told CBC that a mediated (ie political solution) is not a good option. Please clarify if this is a miscommunication and please read the extremely important piece in next text message. It will help you understand what Police knew or should have known about what would happen if the trucks decided to occupy the core.

**Removing trucks could be almost 'impossible,' say heavy towing experts | CBC News**

cbc.ca

Well to be clear I said police are negotiating with the organizers. The point I was making is that Politician shouldn't negotiate with terrorists.

Ok thanks for this. I'm sending you this intel to help you understand the technical challenges of moving these vehicles without the collaboration of truckers. So set aside the politics for now - I assume OPS has already briefed you on the huge technical difficulties in moving this vast array of heavy vehicles from the core. Short of lifting them onto a flatbed with a winch, or taking them out individually with equipment that only the army will have - at significant risk to life and property - you have just painted yourself into a political corner from which there is no exit. You will either have to talk to them, or do something political that allows them to walk away, or remove the truck armada physically. Let me know if you see a 4th way.

How about arrest the drivers, confiscate the keys and have them driven out?

And if you are going to start the morning with me in a negative mood may I suggest a better approach? Which would be we discuss together (the Mayor and myself) messaging that we can both feel comfortable with. You leave me on an island and get angry when I have a difference of opinion, but before he made that statement, sis you think to ask me for my thoughts?

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Hey if you can pull that miracle off. Matching driver with keys. Matching keys with vehicle. Getting their cooperation to identify the 1st vehicle that needs to be removed. On streets that are blockaded with trucks, I believe that you will have to start with the 1st vehicles then the next. Then the next. In that order. The logistical challenge of moving those trucks out is nothing short of a rubic's Cube without their cooperation. The same applies if you start from the back of any one of these truck lines where you are constrained by buildings on both sides. It would be a very very long operation without the collaboration of individual rig owners. Another option would be to try to get a judge to enact more and more severe penalties if they don't collaborate. We might also be able to ask Province or Feds to consider special legislation, similar to a strike, that would allow Leg to impose stiff individual penalties on truckers that would hurt them financially. But you typically need all-party support to fast-track such a solution at QP or on the Hill. That's not an overnight fix. I don't know if a judge would give you such a framework for imposing penalties without a special law.

all good ideas!

You might want to consider trying to pic and roll to a less black and white position on mediation/political solution. You could say « the notion of anyone talking to these demonstrators is abhorrent to me - but given that their quarrel is with the government of Canada it may just be that someone will have to sit down with them at some point for the federal side since this demonstration was essentially prompted by the latest truck mandate ».

This is my last note on the subject this am as you are clearly either not getting any advice on your public narrative or you are getting very weak advice. It works as a 10 second sound bite but doesn't get us closer to a solution.

Wed, Feb 9, 8:11 AM

Good morning, I would recommend it's not too late for you to tweak the deferral to the March meeting to minimize the risks of having your colleagues want to use that motion to slag you for moving it and debating it while Rome burns. There's a very significant chance we will still be into the demonstration in late February hence it would be better for you in my respectful opinion to defer wants to

the March date when a calm and cool debate can happen on bill 21. That is my personal

That is my personal advice to you, I don't know why I'm giving it, but I think it's better for you for this debate to not happen in February. Take it or leave it as you see fit I don't want to engage on it it's just my best advice.

End it to summarize it's not weak to think strategically about the unfortunate timing of the debate. It's smart to be tactical and strategic when you have to. When you're fighting a much much bigger war on the main front.

Wed, Feb 9, 9:23 AM

This is rich. My same colleagues that didn't think anything should be deferred during this crisis, are going to slag me for not deferring my motion far enough into the future? 😂

Hey, like I said it's take it or leave it. No one else has your back.

I mean you are free to ignore. I'm not acting on behalf of anyone. I'm just saying you only get one chance to defer and there's no big difference between debating Bill 21 in February or March.

I meant take it leave as you see fit. I don't benefit from this.

Thu, Feb 10, 10:49 AM

Please don't send meeting requests we need to coordinate a time

I am feeling a real sense of urgency.
What time works for you?

That's when people make mistakes

Hold please I'm on another call

Urgency and panic are close cousins as you know -

The Chief is only free at 12:30 or 3:00.
In my opinion 3 is too late.

The mayor is on other calls until 1:30.
You will have to wait for us to speak.
Can you speak for 2 minutes now -

Thu, Feb 10, 1:03 PM

Can you speak at 1:45

Apparently Feds will announce a major addition of RCMP to Chief. Chief needs to get on the phone with RCMP commissioner to ask for their response to yesterday's ops meeting.

Need 2 mins -

Do you have an opening at 2:15ish

Yes

On a Health break. I can call you at 2:15. But we are hearing positive news from Feds.

Give me your next best time slot please.

I'm off the phone now. Call me when you can.

5 mins please - us Chief hearing same thing from RCMP

Yes.

Sending you a Teams call request

Ok

Have to delay to 2:45

Can you jump on call now please

Are you sure the media avail has been moved to 4:30? It's still showing as 3:30

No it's at 3:30. The board in camera legal
Briefing is at 4;30.

I would minimize the number of public Board updates to maybe one a week - as they suck up huge police resources and serve as a lightning rod to attack you - often for partisan reasons. Don't do it unless there is a clear and compelling need focused on major new developments.

Also IMO Peter is doing a good job of explaining the need for additional resources.

He really stuck to the script today. That was good. No one could leave that briefing without the clear and unequivocal belief that OPS needs more resources.

It was very well done. Sending you front page of Globe and Mail. Useful context to pic and roll on mediation or need for Feds to engage to unblock this.

Thu, Feb 10, 5:19 PM

Statement from the Office of the Premier of Ontario

"Today, the Attorney General brought an application in the Superior Court of Justice for an order pursuant to section 490.8 of the Criminal Code prohibiting any person from disposing of, or otherwise dealing with, in any manner whatsoever, any and all monetary donations made through the Freedom Convoy 2022 and Adopt-a-Trucker campaign pages on the GiveSendGo online fundraising platform.

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This afternoon, the order was issued. It binds any and all parties with possession or control over these donations."

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Thu, Feb 10, 7:15 PM

I'm grabbing a short dinner with family. Is calling you around 8 pm ok?

Yes

Are there any breaking developments that might make it harder to digest my dinner?

No. Enjoy your dinner.

Good idea. I don't even have you on WhatsApp so that was weird. I talk frequently to Steve on that platform.

If you look me up on WhatsApp - by typing my name in the search bar - you can add me by sending me a test note. It's a much safer and encrypted way of